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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, March 6, 2007
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes of the February 13 meeting were approved as presented.
- II. Communications and Announcements: Giberti reminded all senators to sign in and turn cell phones off at every meeting. The deadline to submit nominations for Academic Senate Chair and Vice Chair is March 23.
- III. Regular Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Giberti reported on the reform of the Academic Senate committees. Resolutions will be brought forward calling for the abolition of the Student Grievance Board and the transfer of its responsibilities to the Fairness Board, the abolition of the Faculty Dispute Review Committee, the abolition of the USCP Subcommittee and the transfer of its responsibilities to the Curriculum Committee, and the establishment of a task force to review the University's policy on diversity in the curriculum.
 - B. President's Office: none.
 - C. Provost's Office: Durgin thanked everyone who participated in the various Access to Excellence events that took place on February 27. Materials relating to Access to Excellence and transcripts of the meetings are available at <http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/specialinitiatives/accessexcellence/index.html>.
 - D. Statewide Senate: none.
 - E. CFA Campus President: Saenz reported that the proposed strike authorization, if a settlement is not reached, is for a two-day rolling strike.
 - F. ASI Representative: Maki reported that over 300 members of the Greek community participated in cleaning up California Avenue, Foothill, around the train tracks, and other parts of San Luis Obispo. An electronic poll, held by ASI, indicated that 91% of students are in favor of using such a system for future elections. The CSU Board of Trustees will vote, at their next meeting, on whether or not to increase student fees by 10%.
 - G. Special Reports:
 - A. Frank Vuotto, Chair of the Task Force on Textbook Pricing: The charge of the task force was to look into the feasibility of developing a central publicly accessible website, which would provide information about textbook requirements, alternative formats, and pricing. The complete report, including task force recommendations, can be viewed at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/Documents/TaskForceOnTextbookPricing.pdf>
- V. Consent Agenda: none.

VI. Business Item(s):

- A. Curriculum proposal for Masters in Agricultural Education (Hannings, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, second reading): The proposed program used to be the Masters in Science with a specialization in Agricultural Education. M/S/P to approve resolution as presented.
- B. Resolution on *Focus the Nation* (Greenwald, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, second reading): This resolution requests Senate endorsement for Cal Poly's participation in the Global Warming Solutions for America symposium to occur in 2008. M/S/P to approve resolution as presented.
- C. Resolution Endorsing the ASCSU Resolution on the "Importance of Settling the Contract between the CSU and CFA" (Executive Committee, first reading): Giberti presented the resolution, which requests that the Cal Poly Academic Senate endorse ASCSU resolution AS-2782-07/FA "Importance of Settling the Contract between the CSU and CFA." M/S/P to move resolution to a second reading. M/S/P to approve resolution as presented.
- D. Resolution on Accessibility of Instructional Materials (Schaffner, Chair of the Instruction Committee, first reading): the resolution includes input received from the Academic Senate and summarizes Cal Poly's plan to comply with CSU Executive Order 926. This requires all systemwide policies regarding disability support and accommodations to be documented, evident, and in full compliance with federal and state laws. Due to lengthy discussion, this item will return as a first reading item at the March 13 meeting.
- E. Resolution Against an Attack on Iran or Syria without Prior Congressional Authorization (Russell, Academic Senator, first reading): The resolution asks the Senate to declare its opposition to the Bush Doctrine and to any presidential order to execute a preemptive attack on Iran and Syria without a prior Act of Congress. Due to lack of time, this item will return as a first reading item at the March 13 meeting.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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